

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination, a request for three months extension and appropriate fee in reply to the Office Action dated March 8, 2007. Claims 1-7 have been canceled, without prejudice, and thus the rejections of claims 1-7 are now moot. Applicant has also added new claims 8-13 to further define patentable aspects of the invention. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

In light of the amendment and the remarks presented below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all now-pending claims of the present application.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103**

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vedrine (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,808) in view of Hamalainen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,729,541, hereinafter "Hamalainen"). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vedrine in view of Hamalainen and further in view of Chillariga et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0030956, hereinafter "Chillariga"). As indicated above, claims 1-7 have been canceled, without prejudice, and thus the rejections of claims 1-7 are now moot.

#### **Newly Added Claims**

Applicant has added new claims 8-13 to more particularly define aspects of the present application. The new claims include no new matter and are fully supported by the specification and the drawings of the present application.

Accordingly, it is believed that the new claims are in condition for allowance.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendment and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present invention.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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